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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year, and even some sunshine!

Firstly, thank you to those who have already made time to complete our **Kirkland Rowell Parent Questionnaire**. Your answers will really help inform how we spend our time and resources to make our school the very best that it can be for your children. The questionnaire is open for another week, details below, and we would very much value feedback from as many parents and carers as possible:

<https://survey.gi-assessment.co.uk/s/HSE7X4/>

The password is: BS1478Pa and is case sensitive.

I am sure that you have marvelled at the energy and humility of the D-Day veterans over the past week. As young soldiers, they waded ashore in Normandy, through gunfire, to battle the Nazis. On Thursday, a dwindling number of them paraded proudly, joined by a new generation of leaders to honour the dead, the living and the fight for democracy in moving commemorations on and around those same beaches where they landed exactly 80 years ago on D-Day. All of this taking place in the grim shadow of the ongoing suffering in Ukraine.

Alongside the focus on these historic events through our school assemblies, Mr Withers and our new Senior Prefect team represented the school at the **Beaminster Town D-Day Commemoration** last night. During the ceremony at the War Memorial our Head Boy and Girl read the poignant Kohima Epitaph: *"When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For your tomorrow, We gave our today"*. My thanks to everyone involved for supporting this important event.

This has been another busy week of GCSE and A-Level examinations, with just two further weeks to go! With a two day break in proceedings for GCSE students, we have organised the **Year 11 Celebration Day** for Wednesday June 12th. After some focused revision in Physics and Geography in the morning, students are treated to lunch, served by staff, followed by the traditional signing of shirts, distribution of Yearbooks, speeches and then farewells. Students may then leave at 2.30pm as long as we have had parental consent. Please remember that **no jeans** are permitted, and Yearbooks must be purchased in advance via ParentMail.

There is so much to look forward to over the next six weeks it is worth putting a few dates into your diary:

- **Art and Photography Exhibition** at Bridport Arts Centre from Wednesday 19th June
- **Year 11 into 12 6th Form Induction Days** on Monday June 24th and Tuesday June 25th
- **Oliver! Auditions week** starting on Monday 24th June (poster with audition details attached)
- **School Open Evening** on Wednesday 26th June from 5–7pm (poster attached, feel free to share)
- **Year 9 College Day and Year 10 Post-16 Day** on Tuesday 2nd July
- **Summer Concert** at 6.30pm on Thursday 4th July
- **Sports Day** on Friday 5th July
- **Year 12 Work Experience or Biology Fieldwork** in the week beginning 15th July
- **Final House Matches** on Tuesday 16th July
- **Activities Week** from Thursday 18th July.

We also look forward to welcoming all of our new students in to school for their **Year 6 Induction Days** on Monday July 8th and Tuesday July 9th, and meeting their parents and carers at the Year 6 information meeting on Wednesday 10th July at 6.30pm.

On the sporting front, our Year 7 and Year 8 **Rounders teams** both beat Colfox on Tuesday, though Year 8 and 10 narrowly lost to Wadham on Wednesday.

The Year 9 and 10 **Athletics Team** had their latest South West competition at Budmouth on Thursday. Val Bala was 1st in javelin and shot and 2nd in discus, Warren Dommett and Tilly Dodds 4th in 800m, Lulu Gale 2nd in long jump and 3rd in shot, whilst Shakeel Jadavji and Charlie Dunning cleared 1.45m in the high jump. Immi Beale was 1st in the 200m and then ran two legs in the 100m relay with the girls coming in 2nd! Well done to them all!

Also, good luck to Val Bala, Henry Guppy, Joe Whelan, Ollie Smith, Harry Kemp and Harlee Shaw who are competing in the County Championships selection for South West Dorset Schools at the weekend.

Our **ClassCharts** system provides a huge amount of information for parents, carers and students, including communication about homework, support, attendance, rewards, behaviour and detentions; students are responsible for regularly checking ClassCharts and for attending lunchtime detentions. To support students with this can I ask that parents and carers also regularly check your ClassCharts and discuss any actions that need to be taken. As always, please do contact your child's Tutor if there is any concern. If you need a reminder of your parent/carer ClassCharts login details please contact the office.

We are incredibly grateful to the **Lyme Regis Boat Building Academy** who are providing three days of bespoke training at their facilities for our Year 10 and Sixth Form technology students next week. This is a rare opportunity for them to see and learn from highly skilled local craftsmen and women.

Finally, the latest **cyber safety parent information** sheet, top tips for managing screen time, is attached.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Hales

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